

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S1136**

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| TO:       | The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee |      |         |
| FROM:     | Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board                    |      |         |
| ANALYSTS: | Allan Kincaid   |      |         |
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| AUTHOR:  | Senator Matthews | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | Joint Resolution |
| SUBJECT: | Public Schools   |                    |                  |

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

The Joint Resolution proposes an amendment to Section 3, Article XI of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to the system of free public schools, so as to provide that the General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free public schools and shall establish, organize, and support public institutions of learning that will provide a high quality education, allowing each student to reach his highest potential.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Election Commission indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or other funds. While there is a cost associated with printing a referendum ballot, the funding for statewide general elections is sufficient to cover this cost. If the amendment were to pass the potential impact on education funding would depend on how "high quality education" is further defined.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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